

## Message Text

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ACTION ACDA-12

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R 111014Z JUL 78  
FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8724  
AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: PARN, TECH, SY  
SUBJ: OBLIGATIONS OF STATES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE III.4 OF THE NPT

REF: (A) STATE 164094, (B) DAMASCUS 3520, (C) DAMASCUS 2543

1. WHEN EMBASSY RAISED QUESTION OF SYRIAN SAFEGUARDS  
AGREEMENT AT MFA IN JUNE, DIRECTOR OF TREATY AFFAIRS, MUNIB  
RIFAI, ASKED ABOUT ARAB LEAGUE MEMBERS' POSITIONS ON NPT  
AND SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS BECAUSE, HE SAID, SYRIA DID NOT  
WANT TO GET OUT IN FRONT OF OTHER CONFRONTATION STATES ON  
THIS ISSUE.

2. ON JULY 11 WE PROVIDED MFA STATUS REPORT CONTAINED IN  
STATE REFTEL A AND RIFAI TOLD POLOFF AHAT SINCE QUESTION  
DID NOT APPEAR TO RELATE TO ARAB-ISREALI CONFLICT, SYRIA  
WOULD PROCEED WITH NECESSARY STEPS TO NEGOTIATE SAFEGUARDS  
AGREEMENT. RIFAI SAID THAT THIS WAS NOT A HIGH PRIORITY  
ITEM ON THE SYRIAN AGENDA, BUT WE COULD BE SURE THAT SYRIA  
WILL ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH IAEA ON THIS SUBJECT.  
POLOFF EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT SYRIAN DECISION.

3. WE INTEND TO MONITOR PROGRESS ON THIS QUESTION AND  
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WILL PLAN TO BRING IT UP AGAIN IN THREE MONTHS TO  
ENCOURAGE SYRIANS TO RAISE THE PRIORITY OF BIT OF NO PROGRESS  
HAS BEEN MADE.  
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